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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives

DATE: February 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. John Elgersma

I am pleased to provide an update on the City's physician recruitment incentive program. A new physician, Dr. John Elgersma has recently assumed a practice at Welland McMaster Family Health Team (WMFHT).

This transition ensures that the patients will continue to have access to a family physician, supporting the community's need for consistent primary care. Staff will provide further updates as recruitment efforts progress.



February 4, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Re: 14.4 Motion respecting support for the declaration of a Provincial state of emergency on homelessness, mental health, and addiction

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on February 3, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Niagara Region have declared a state of emergency for homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction;

WHEREAS the City of Thorold declared a mental health, homelessness and addiction emergency in the City of Thorold;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's 29 Big City Mayors (OBCM) are calling on the province to declare a state of emergency as municipalities deal with a "community safety and humanitarian crisis" created by homelessness, mental health and addiction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Thorold City Council **FORMALLY REQUESTS** that the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford declare an Ontario-wide state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addictions.
2. That City Staff **BE DIRECTED** to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, all Niagara area MPP's, the Leader of the Official Opposition Marit Stiles, all Niagara area municipalities, OBCM, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Fraser, and MPP Mike Schreiner.
3. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide notice of the passage of this motion on the City's website.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

cc. Deputy Premier of Ontario
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
Solicitor General of Ontario
Provincial Emergency Operations Centre
Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
All Niagara area MPP's
Leader of the Official Opposition Marit Stiles
Niagara area municipalities
OBCM
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
MPP John Fraser
MPP Mike Schreiner





February 4, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations

Re: 11.2 Memorandum CLK-C 5-2026 – Support for Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Children

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on February 3, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

That Correspondence Item CLK-C 5-2026, being a memorandum from J. Letourneau, Legislative & Municipal Elections Coordinator, dated February 3, 2026, respecting Support for Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Children, **BE RECEIVED**, and the following **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Corporation of the City of Thorold **SUPPORTS** the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Children; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the following:
 - The Prime Minister of Canada
 - The Premier of Ontario
 - The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
 - The Attorney General of Ontario
 - The Solicitor General of Ontario
 - Member of Provincial Parliament, Niagara Centre
 - Member of Parliament, Niagara South
 - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - Niagara Region
 - Niagara Regional Municipalities

Thank you,

Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

Attachment: CWCD 21-2026 – Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. Parole and Early Release - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
The Attorney General of Ontario
The Solicitor General of Ontario
The Prime Minister of Canada
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Jaggard

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer

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Hon. Doug Downey doug.downey@pc.ola.org

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Hon. Sean Fraser sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca



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Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore Theresa.ettore@welland.ca
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All municipalities

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 8.1.
Number: 26-02-03
Title: Mayor of Welland - Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton support the Mayor of Welland's Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children correspondence from December 2, 2025, advocating for the Provincial and Federal Governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

And that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the City of Welland, the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Original Signed By
Mayor - Chris Peabody



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FRANK CAMPION
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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion
Mayor of Welland



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February 3, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Manitoulin Police Services Board Veronique Dion; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

RE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR POLICE SERVICES REQUEST

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of January 29, 2026, the following motion was approved:

021-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the City of Peterborough meeting dated November 3, 2025:

*Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service;
and*

*Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have
policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate
provision of policing services; and*

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

*Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to "ensure
adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing
responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for
the diversity of the population in the area" and*

*Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are
required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public
participating in court proceedings, ensuring the secure custody of persons in custody who are on
or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and*

*Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing;
and*

*Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all
matters originate within that municipality; and*

*Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure,
including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is
provided; and*

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

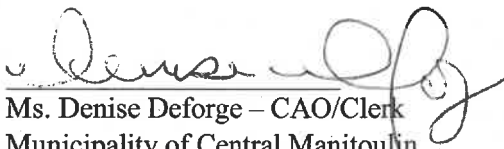
Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

*Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and
Therefore, be it further resolved that: Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services;
and*

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Manitoulin Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,


Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File

Agenda Number: 14.c.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-029
Title: Closure of Sudbury's LifeLabs Laboratory
Date: February 2, 2026

Moved by:

Seconded by:

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced the planned closure of its laboratory processing facility in Greater Sudbury, with services being transferred to facilities in Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury LifeLabs laboratory currently provides essential diagnostic testing services to residents of Markstay-Warren and communities throughout Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the closure raises serious concerns regarding increased turnaround times for critical medical testing, potential service disruptions, and risks to patient care due to transportation delays, particularly during winter months and adverse weather conditions; and

WHEREAS timely access to laboratory diagnostics is a critical component of an effective healthcare system and is essential to the health and well-being of rural, senior, and vulnerable populations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren hereby expresses its opposition to the closure of the LifeLabs laboratory in Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council formally requests the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and LifeLabs to reconsider this decision and to maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury to ensure reliable and timely diagnostic services for Northern Ontario residents;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the attached draft communication and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
- MPP France Gélinas, Nickel Belt
- MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- LifeLabs Ontario

CARRIED

DEFERRED

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Mayor

February 2, 2026

The Honourable John Vanthof, MPP
Timiskaming–Cochrane
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

RE: Concerns Regarding the Closure of the LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury

Dear MPP Vanthof,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, I am writing to express our serious concerns regarding the announced closure of the LifeLabs laboratory facility in Greater Sudbury.

The Sudbury LifeLabs facility plays a critical role in providing timely diagnostic services for residents throughout Northern Ontario, including those in Markstay-Warren and surrounding communities. The planned transition of laboratory processing services to facilities located in the Greater Toronto Area raises serious concerns regarding longer turnaround times, potential service disruptions, and increased risks to patient care. Particularly during winter months and periods of inclement weather that frequently affect northern transportation routes.

Reliable access to diagnostic testing is essential to the health and well-being of our residents. Many of our citizens rely on timely laboratory results to support urgent and ongoing medical treatment. Any delays or disruptions may result in adverse health outcomes, particularly for seniors, rural residents, and vulnerable populations.

Council is also concerned about the potential loss of skilled laboratory professionals from our region, further weakening already strained healthcare services across Northern Ontario.

The Municipality of Markstay-Warren respectfully urges the Province of Ontario to engage with LifeLabs and the Ministry of Health to explore options that would maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury and ensure that residents of Northern Ontario continue to receive timely, high-quality diagnostic services.



Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your continued advocacy on behalf of Northern Ontario communities and respectfully request your support in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

Marc Serré, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Markstay-Warren
Encl. Closure of Sudbury's LifeLab Laboratory Resolution
cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
MPP France Gélinas, Nickel Belt
MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
LifeLabs Ontario

February 4, 2026

Sent by E-mail

Prime Minister of Canada
The Right Honourable Mark Carney
PM@pm.gc.ca

**Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection
of Canada's Children**

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

At its regular meeting held on January 27, 2026, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed a resolution expressing its support for the City of Welland. The resolution includes the following key points:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

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1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
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3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Trusting Council's support will be beneficial in advancing this request.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Clerk
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated



Agenda Number: 7.
Resolution Number 15.01.26
Date: January 26, 2026

Moved By Allan Rothwell
Seconded By Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.13 Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board Regarding Enhanced School Bus Safety; and

THAT: The resolution be circulated to Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

ACTION ON MOTION:

CARRIED



MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



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January 2, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

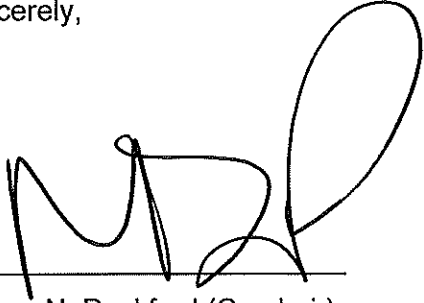
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

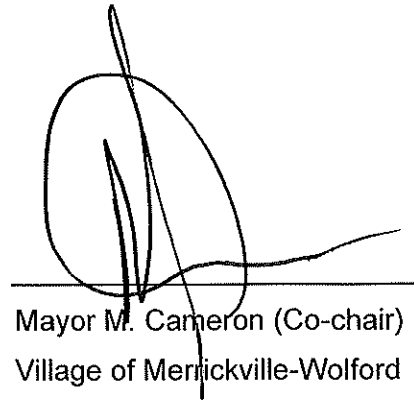
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a large, prominent oval at the end.

Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)
Municipality of North Grenville

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, circular loop and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Enclosed: Co-signing Template

[Municipality Name]
[Municipal Address]

[Date]

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **[Council / Municipality / Township / City] of [Municipality Name]**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

[Municipality Name] supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title – Mayor / Reeve / Warden]

[Municipality Name]

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
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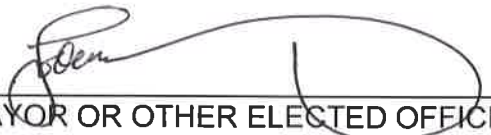
Moved By Sarah Blazek
Seconded By Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of The Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.9 City of Peterborough Resolution Regarding Sustainable Funding for Police; and

THAT: The support resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Solicitor General, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Perth County OPP Detachment Board, and all Ontario Municipalities.

ACTION ON MOTION:

CARRIED



MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuring the secure

custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,


John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

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Date: 28 January 2026 6

Moved By: Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded By: Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

That Council support correspondence item 'f' from North Grenville & Merrickville-Wolford OPP Detachment Board regarding Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of stop-arm camera systems.

✓
Carried

Defeated

Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netty McEwen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Boughen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Rodrigues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John van Klaveren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Vasey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Woolvett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Town of Plympton-Wyoming
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January 28, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **Town of Plympton-Wyoming**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Atkinson, Mayor
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.7.
Resolution Number 2026-040
Title: City of Welland - Justice and Protection of Canada's Children (Bail and Sentencing Reforms)
Date: January 29, 2026

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Burroughs

Whereas the City of Welland has called upon municipalities across Canada to stand together for justice and the protection of children following a tragic and brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child in August 2025; and

Whereas this incident underscores the urgent need for stronger bail and sentencing provisions to ensure that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions; and

Whereas Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety, especially the safety of children, above all else; and

Whereas recent federal bail and sentencing reforms must be fully and expeditiously implemented to protect victims and communities from dangerous offenders; and

Whereas strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and limiting parole eligibility for sexual offences against children are critical steps to safeguarding our communities, and

Whereas municipalities have a shared responsibility to advocate for legislative and judicial reforms that reflect the gravity of crimes against children;

Therefore be it resolved that:

Champlain Township urges the provincial and federal governments to:

1. Expedite the implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public, particularly victims of violent sexual crimes, are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
2. Strengthen bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
3. Limit parole eligibility for sexual offences against children to reflect the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
4. Strengthen the National Sex Offender Registry to provide communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Be it further resolved that Champlain Township urges the Federal and Provincial governments to support continued legislative and judicial reform aimed at protecting children and communities; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to;

- Department of Justice, *Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada*;
- Public Safety Canada, *Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety*;
- Attorney General of Ontario, *Honourable Doug Downey*;
- Solicitor General of Ontario, *Honourable Michael Kerzner*;
- Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, *Honourable Michael Parsa*;
- Federal Member of Parliament, *Giovanna Mingarelli, MP, Prescott—Russell—Cumberland*;
- Provincial Member of Parliament, *Stéphane Sarrazin, MPP, Glengarry—Prescott—Russell*;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
for their consideration and endorsement.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard

Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2026/02/04)
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.



Alison Collard, Clerk

Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 15.7.
No. du point 2026-040
Titre: Ville de Welland - Justice et protection des enfants du Canada (mise en liberté sous caution et détermination de la peine)
Date: le 29 janvier 2026

Proposée par : Gérard Miner
Appuyée par : Paul Burroughs

Attendu que la Ville de Welland a appelé les municipalités à travers le Canada à s'unir pour la justice et la protection des enfants à la suite d'une agression sexuelle tragique et brutale contre un enfant de trois ans en août 2025; et

Attendu que cet incident souligne le besoin urgent de renforcer les dispositions relatives à la mise en liberté sous caution et à la détermination de la peine afin de garantir que les personnes accusées ou reconnues coupables de crimes sexuels violents soient soumises aux conditions les plus strictes; et

Attendu que les Canadiens doivent pouvoir faire confiance à notre système judiciaire pour qu'il donne la priorité à la sécurité publique, en particulier à la sécurité des enfants, avant toute autre considération; et

Attendu que les récentes réformes fédérales concernant la mise en liberté sous caution et la détermination de la peine doivent être pleinement et rapidement mises en œuvre afin de protéger les victimes et les communautés contre les délinquants dangereux; et

Attendu que le renforcement du Registre national des délinquants sexuels et la limitation de l'admissibilité à la libération conditionnelle pour les infractions sexuelles contre les enfants sont des étapes essentielles pour protéger nos communautés; et

Attendu que les municipalités ont la responsabilité commune de plaider en faveur de réformes législatives et judiciaires qui reflètent la gravité des crimes contre les enfants;

Il est donc résolu que :

Le canton de Champlain invite les gouvernements provincial et fédéral à :

- Accélérer la mise en œuvre des récentes réformes fédérales concernant la mise en liberté sous caution et la détermination de la peine, afin que les nouvelles dispositions visant à protéger le public, en particulier les victimes de crimes sexuels violents, soient appliquées rapidement et uniformément dans toutes les juridictions.
- Renforcer les dispositions relatives à la mise en liberté sous caution et à la détermination de la peine afin que les personnes accusées ou reconnues coupables de crimes sexuels violents soient soumises aux conditions les plus strictes, y compris des limites à la libération anticipée dans les cas de brutalité extrême.
- Limiter l'admissibilité à la libération conditionnelle pour les infractions sexuelles contre les enfants afin de refléter toute la gravité de ces crimes, en limitant la libération conditionnelle ou anticipée pour les

délinquants qui présentent des risques persistants pour la sécurité des communautés.

- Renforcer le Registre national des délinquants sexuels afin de fournir aux communautés et aux services de police des informations opportunes et exactes ainsi que des outils efficaces pour protéger les résidents.

Il est en outre résolu que le canton de Champlain exhorte les gouvernements fédéral et provincial à soutenir la poursuite des réformes législatives et judiciaires visant à protéger les enfants et les communautés; et

Il est en outre résolu que cette résolution soit transmise à :

- Ministère de la Justice, *L'honorable Sean Fraser, ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Canada*;
- Sécurité publique Canada, *L'honorable Gary Anandasangaree, ministre de la Sécurité publique*;
- Procureur général de l'Ontario, *L'honorable Doug Downey*;
- Solliciteur général de l'Ontario, *L'honorable Michael Kerzner*;
- Ministre des Services à l'enfance, et des Services sociaux et communautaires, *L'honorable Michael Parsa*;
- Députée fédérale, *Giovanna Mingarelli, députée, Prescott–Russell–Cumberland*;
- Député provincial, *Stéphane Sarrazin, député provincial, Glengarry–Prescott–Russell*;
- Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM); et
- Association des greffiers et trésoriers municipaux de l'Ontario (AMCTO) pour leur examen et leur appui.

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :



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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion

Mayor of Welland



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February 4, 2026

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RE: Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Naim & Hyman.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-07
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Naim & Hyman's resolution regarding Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, Renfrew Nipissing & Pembroke MP and MPP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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December 17, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Support Resolution

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, I am writing to formally convey Council's support for recent federal measures aimed at stabilizing and strengthening Canada's steel and softwood lumber sectors.

As a small Northern Ontario municipality whose economy is closely tied to the continued operation of Interfor, a local softwood lumber mill, Council is increasingly concerned that ongoing trade pressures and market uncertainty are placing added strain on the long-term viability of this key employer. Any reduction in operations or a potential closure would have significant and lasting consequences for local employment, municipal revenues, and the overall economic and social wellbeing of our community.

In this context, and in response to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' November 26, 2025 media release, Council adopted the enclosed resolution at their meeting of December 8, 2025:

SUPPORT FOR STEEL AND LUMBER SECTORS

RESOLUTION # 2025-14-247

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and

WHEREAS the federal actions—including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects—represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and

WHEREAS municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

WHEREAS the Township of Naim and Hyman recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Naim and Hyman commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP Jim Belanger, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely Yours,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk - Treasurer

BK/mb

cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Northern Development
FONOM
MP Hon. Jim Belanger
MPP Hon. Bill Rosenberg
All Ontario Municipalities



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 26, 2025

FONOM Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors Impacted by U.S. Tariffs

Northeastern Ontario – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today's announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney outlining new federal measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries, which continue to face unprecedented challenges due to aggressive U.S. tariff actions.

The federal plan includes strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports for companies facing liquidity pressures, and new incentives to increase the use of Canadian steel and lumber in national infrastructure and housing projects. These measures aim to stabilize sectors vital to the economies of many Northern Ontario communities.

Prime Minister Carney announced that Canada will significantly tighten tariff-rate quotas on foreign steel imports, opening an estimated \$850 million in domestic demand for Canadian producers. In addition, the federal government is allocating \$500 million in new financing for softwood lumber firms, paired with a further \$500 million expansion of the Business Development Bank of Canada's softwood guarantee program.

FONOM is encouraged by the federal government's recognition of the pressures facing Northern resource-based communities, where steel and lumber operations support thousands of jobs and anchor local economies.

"These measures acknowledge what Northern Ontario has long understood — that our steel and lumber sectors are national economic pillars," said FONOM President Dave Plourde **"U.S. tariffs continue to destabilize communities across the North, and today's announcement provides needed tools to help our workers and industries adapt, compete, and grow."**

FONOM also welcomes the federal commitment to reduce interprovincial freight rates by 50 per cent for steel and lumber shipments beginning next spring. Lower transportation costs will help Northern producers access new domestic markets and move product efficiently while north-south trade remains constrained.

As part of the plan, the federal government will also advance the Buy Canadian Policy, ensuring that major defence, construction, and infrastructure projects prioritize Canadian steel, aluminum,

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and wood products. This aligns strongly with FONOM's longstanding advocacy for procurement policies that support Canadian jobs and supply chains.

"Keeping Canadian dollars working in Canada is essential," added the President. "These steps will create new demand for made-in-Canada materials while helping stabilize communities affected by unpredictable U.S. trade actions."

FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with federal officials to ensure the timely rollout of these programs, and to ensure that Northern Ontario municipalities and industries can fully benefit from the measures announced today.

Media Contact:

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February 4, 2026

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RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Brantford.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-06
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

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Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
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CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
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The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; - premier@ontario.ca

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The Honorable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
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February 4, 2026

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RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

1. **Bail and Sentencing Provisions** - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. **Parole and Early Release** - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. **Sex Offender Monitoring** - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. **Victim and Community Safety** - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
The Attorney General of Ontario
The Solicitor General of Ontario
The Prime Minister of Canada
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion
Mayor of Welland